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SUBJ: BORDER PATROL AGENT INJURED

REF: TIJUANA 0073

1. BORDER PATROL CHIEF TOLD US THAT BORDER PATROL AGENT ATTACKED AND CRITICALLY INJURED NIGHT MARCH 15 - 16 BY MEXICAN ALIEN WHO HIT HIM ON FOREHEAD WITH LARGE ROCK HELD IN HAND. BP CAUGHT THE ASSAILANT AND TWO COMPANIONS WHO CHIEF BELIEVES WERE MEMBERS OF GANG PREYING ON ILLEGALS RATHER THAN SIMPLE BORDER CROSSERS. INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN SAME AREA, SPRING CANYON, AS DID SHOOTING REPORTED REFTEL.

2. THIS OCCURENCE LEADS US TO REPEAT AS BACKGROUND EXTRACT FROM MESSAGE WE SENT EMBASSY FEBRUARY 28: QUOTE UNTIL THE SPIGOT IS TURNED OFF, IN THIS AREA AT LEAST, THERE ARE GOING TO BE MORE INCIDENTS, AND MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE HURT OR KILLED (IT COULD BE A BP AGENT THE NEXT TIME AROUND). US COUNTRYSIDE IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF TIJUANA IS ONE OF CANYONS AND STEEP HILLSIDES, AND IS TRULY FORBIDDING IN THE DARK. EACH NIGHT HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS BREAK US LAW BY ENTERING US WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION, AND A FAR SMALLER NUMBER OF BORDER PATROL AGENTS ENFORCE US LAW BY TRYING TO INTERCEPT THEM. IN MY LIMITED UNCLASSIFIED

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OBSERVATION OF THIS OPERATION, THE ALIENS HAVE BEEN DOCILE ENOUGH WHEN CAUGHT (IN MANY CASES THEY KNOW THAT THEY CAN TRY AGAIN THE NEXT NIGHT AND THAT THE BORDER PATROL WILL NOT RPT NOT MISTREAT THEM). BUT AMONG THEM, SOME ARE ARMED, SOME ARE PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS, AND MOST MUST BE SCARED AND LIABLE AT ANY TIME TO ACT IRRATIONALLY. AND AT NIGHT, ANYONE, ALIEN OR BORDER PATROL, CAN TRIP OVER A ROCK, OR WORSE. IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, IT IS

NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE INCIDENTS.
THAT THERE ARE NOT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING
OF THE BORDER PATROL AGENTS WORKING THIS AREA AND TO SHEER GOOD
LUCK. BUT ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN UNQUOTE.
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